Contribution of Agriculture in GDP

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the gross domestic product of the country will decrease due to the negative effect of farming in the financial year 2009-10 as a result of the effect of drought in 276 districts of the country;

(b) if so, the assessment of contribution of agriculture in the gross domestic product;

(c) whether Government has assessed the adverse effect on the farmers due to decrease in the above said contribution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) As per the data compiled by Central Statistical Organization (CSO), the growth rate of gross domestic product (GDP) for the first quarter (April-June) of 2009-10 at 1999-2000 prices for Agriculture and allied sector and total Economy are estimated at 2.4% and 6.1% respectively. CSO has not yet released the annual estimates of GDP for the financial year 2009-10.

(b) Share of agriculture and allied activities in the total GDP is 16.3% for the first quarter (April-June) of 2009-10 as against 16.8% of the corresponding period of 2008-09. During 2008-09, its share in total GDP was 17.0%.

(c) and (d) The reason for decline in the share of Agriculture and allied sector in GDP is due to the structural transformation of the economy and is mainly attributed to faster growth of Mining and Quarrying, Electricity, Gas and Water Supply and Financing, Insurance, Real Estate and Business Services. With a view to taking care of the interests of farmers, apart from providing various input subsidies the Government also fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for different agricultural commodities to ensure remunerative prices for their produce which in turn facilitates higher investment and higher production in the agricultural sector. The MSP of Copra, Paddy, Arhar, Moong, Sesamum, Wheat, Barley, Gram and Safflower have been raised over their last year's MSP. A statement indicating the MSPs of Kharif and Rabi crops and Copra for 2005-06 to 2009-10 is enclosed.

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Statement

Details of minimum support prices of Kharif, Rabi and Copra for 2005-06 to 2009-10 (According to Crop year)

(As on 11.11.2009*)*

(Rs. per quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	(#) increase in MSP 2008-09 over 2007-08	2009-10	(#) increase in MSP 2009-10 over 2008-09
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Kharif Crops									
1.	Paddy	Common	570	580^	645$$/850~	850$	205(31.8)	950&	100(11.8)
		Grade 'A'	600	610^	675$$/880~	880$	205(30.4)	980&	100(11.4)
2.	Jowar	Hybrid	525	540	600	840	240(40.0)	840	0.0
		Maldandi	—	555	620	860	240(38.7)	860	0.0
3.	Bajra		525	540	600	840	240(40.0)	840	0.0
4.	Maize		540	540	620	840	220(35.5)	840	0.0
5.	Ragi		525	540	600	915	315(52.5)	915	0.0
6.	Arhar (Tur)		1400	1410	1550^^	2000	450(29.0)	2300	300(15.0)
7.	Moong		1520	1520	1700^^	2520	820(48.2)	2760	240(9.5)
8.	Urad		1520	1520	1700^^	2520	820(48.2)	2520	240(9.5)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9.	Cotton	F-414/H-777/J34	1760	1770*	1800*	2500[a]	700(38.9)	2500[a]	0.0
		H-4	1980	1990**	2030**	3000[aa]	970(47.8)	3000[aa]	0.0
10.	Groundnut in shell		1520	1520	1550	2100	550(35.5)	2100	0.0
11.	Sunflower seed		1500	1500	1510	2215	705(46.7)	2215	0.0
12.	Soyabeen	Black	900	900	910	1350	440(48.4)	1350	0.0
		Yellow	1010	1020	1050	1390	340(32.4)	1390	0.0
13.	Sesamum		1550	1560	1580	2750	1170(74.1)	2850	100(3.6)
14.	Nigerseed		1200	1220	1240	2405	1165(94.0)	2405	0.0
	Rabi Crops								
15.	Wheat		650$	750$$	1000	1080	80(8.0)	1100	20(1.85)
16.	Barley		550	565	650	680	30(4.6)	750	70(10.29)
17.	Gram		1435	1445	1600	1730	130(8.1)	1760	30(1.73)
18.	Masur (Lentil)		1535	1545	1700	1870	170(10.0)	1870	0
19.	Rapeseed/Mustard		171.5	1715	1800	1830	30(1.7)	1830	0
20.	Safflower		1565	1565	1650	1650	0(0)	1680	30(1.82)
21.	Toria		1680	1680	1735	1735	0.00		
	Other Crops								
22.	Copra	Milling	3570	3590	3620	3660	40(1.1)	4450	790(21.6)
	(Calender year)	Ball	3820	3840	3870	3910	40(1.0)	4700	790(20.2)

23.	De-husked Coconut		—	—	—	988	—	1200	212(21.5)
	(Calender year)								
24.	Jute		910	1000	1055	1250	195(18.5)	1375	125(10.0)
25.	Sugarcane		79.50	80.25	81.18	81.18	0(0.0)	129.84□	48.66(59.9)
26.	Tobacco (VFC)	Black Soil (F2 Gr)	32.00	32.00	32.00				
	(Rs. per kg.)	Light Soil (L2 Gr)	34.00	34.00	34.00				

Figures in brackets indicate percentage increase.

$ An additional incentive bonus of Rs. 50 per quintal was payable over the Minimum Support Price (MSP)

$$ An additional incentive bonus of Rs. 100 per quintal was payable over the Minimum Support Price (MSP)

^ An additional incentive bonus or Rs. 40 per quintal was payable on procurement between 1.10.2006 to 31.03.2007. In case of Bihar and Kerala additional incentive bonus extended upto 31.5.2007 and in case of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal additional incentive bonus extended upto 30.9.2007.

* Medium Staple.

** Long Staple

^^ A bonus of Rs. 40 per quintal was payable over and above the MSP.

~ From 12.06.2008

a Staple length (mm) of 24.5 — 25.5 and Micronaire value of 4.3 — 5.1

aa Staple length (mm) of 29.5 — 30.5 and Micronaire value of 3.5 — 4.3

& An additional incentive bonus of Rs. 50 per quintal is payable over the Minimum Support Price (MSP)

□ Fair and remunerative price.